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- 1. According to informant, it is rumored in Bagndad that elements of the Iraqi Arry which have been returned to Iraq recently from Palestine, will be sent back to renew the war against the Israelis.
- 2. Informant indicated that this runor is being unfavorably received by the rank and file of the Iraqi Army, some of whom have even indicated that they will refuse to return to Palestine if the order is given.
- 3. According to informant, this unwillingness to return is not based on any change in the Iraqi Army's marked anti-Scritic attitude, but rather on the feeling that, if they do return, the men will be restrained by their officers and will not be allowed to show their fighting ability.

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Corment, The above-mentioned runor is reported in possible connection with a statement made by Foreign Hinister Fadhil Jamali in the Iraqi Parliament on 3 May 1949. Concerning the Palestine situation, Jamali stated that "the underestination of the enery made us lose the first battle, but the Zionist war is not over; it is a new crusade which will last as long as the Arab pulse beats."

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